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Ms. Aloma Dew, Chair
Environmental Quality Commission
14 Reilly Road
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-1132

Dear Ms. Dew:

Thank you for your letter in support of the power plant moratorium in Kentucky. I know the Environmental Quality Commission is concerned, as I am, about the addition of new power plants in the state and their potential impacts on the environment. However, we in Kentucky must also not lose sight of opportunities to further development in some of our more economically challenged areas of the state.

During these times of budget cutbacks, it is imperative that our state agencies find innovative ways to continue to improve needed services to the citizens of Kentucky. Protecting the health of our citizens and our environment are vital concerns. We will continue to attempt to maintain sufficient funding to accomplish this goal and to find additional resources when necessary to ensure that power plants and other industries in Kentucky operate in a responsible manner.

As always, your views on environmental matters are extremely important to me. Thank you for taking time to share them with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Paul E. Patton".

Paul E. Patton



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